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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, THURSDAY, JUNE 16

1. NYT, PAGE 34; EDITORIAL LEADS WITH A QUOTATION ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS FROM THE FINAL ACT AND DESCRIBES SOVIET ENTRAPMENT OF TOTH AS A VIOLATION OF HELSINKI ACCORDS. ARTICLE IN BALTIMORE SUN, PAGE 22, TAKES A SIMILAR LINE AND ADDS THAT SOVIETS SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AT BELGRADE FOR DEFIANCE OF HELSINKI PROVISIONS. WP, PAGE 26, QUOTES PRESIDENT CARTER AS EXPRESSING "SERIOUS OBJECTIONS" TO SOVIET TREATMENT OF TOTH AND NOTES CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION WHICH REFERS TO SOVIET TREATMENT OF TOTH AS A DRAFT VIOLATION OF THE HELSINKI PACT OF 1975. ARTICLE NOTES THAT TOTH CASE MAY BE TIED TO THAT OF SCHARANSKY.

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2. WP, PAGE 25, (AND ALL OTHER PAPERS) MICHAELGETLER DESCRIBES WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR WORK AT PREPARATORY MEETING AND NOTES TWO POSSIBLE POINTS OF CONFLICT WITH SOVIETS: DURATION OF THE FALL MEETING AND THE PURPOSES OF COMMITTEE LEVEL WORK. BALTIMORE SUN, PAGE 7, AND NYT, PAGE 1, INTERPRET PROPOSAL AS A TACTICAL MOVE TO INSURE FULL AIRING OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE BY INSISTING ON OPEN-

ENDED AGENDA UNDER WHICH ALL SUBJECTS CAN BE DISCUSSED.

ARTICLES ALSO NOTE MINIC'S COMMENTS ON TERRORISM AT FORMAL OPENING OF PREP MEETING, ARREST AND DEPORTATION OF WESTERN PROTEST GROUP FROM YUGOSLAVIA, CONCERN AMONG DELEGATIONS ON IMPLICATIONS OF TOTH CASE, AND YUGOSLAV AMNESTY FOR PRISONERS.

3. WASHINGTON STAR, PAGE 5, AP STORY FROM MOSCOW NOTES SOVIET DISSIDENTS MARKED THE OPENING OF THE BELGRADE MEETING WITH HUNGER STRIKES, AN ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATION, AND A NEWS CONFERENCE ABOUT GOVERNMENT REPRESSIONS.

4. NYT, PAGE 35, WILLIAM SAFIRE SUPPORTS MORALISTIC, AS OPPOSED TO QUIET AND PRAGMATIC, DIPLOMACY AND FINDS BELGRADE A USEFUL TOOL TO BRING SOVIETS TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR ACTIONS. SOVIETS ARE USING TOTH CASE TO INDICATE TO US THAT MODERATION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WILL LEAD TO REDUCED SOVIET REPRESSION.

5. NYT, CARRIES ARTICLE BY VLADIMIR COLOVANOV, NOVOSTI COMMENTATOR, WHO QUESTIONS STRENGTH OF US POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN LIGHT OF POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT, DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF RACE AND SEX, AND ABSENCE OF FREE EDUCATION AND MEDICAL CARE IN US.

6. JUNE 15 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, PAGE 6, ERIC BOURNE, BELGRADE, WARNS THAT A "TEMPEST OF TECHNICALITIES" MAY BE IN STORE FOR BELGRADE PREPARATORY MEETING. BOURNE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDS THAT WESTERN DESIRE TO EVALUATE PAST IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT MAY CONFLICT WITH SOVIET INTENTIONS TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ORIENTATION.

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